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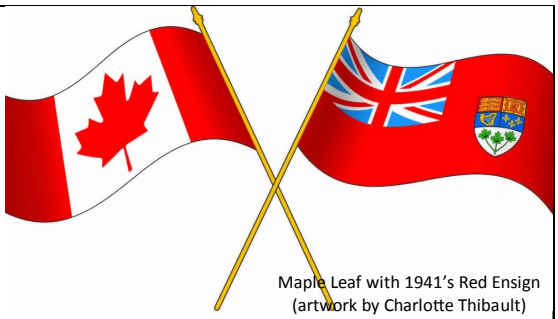
December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese navy Air Service attacked the neutral United States at naval Station Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, Hawaii, killing 2,403 Americans and injuring 1,178 others. The attack sank 4 U.S.Navy battleships, damaged 4 others as well as 3 cruisers, 3 destroyers and 1 minelayer. Aircraft looses were high as well—188 destroyed and 159 damaged.



Maple Leaf with 1941's Red Ensign
(artwork by Charlotte Thibault)

Canada declared war on Japan within hours of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the first Western nation to do so. Officially, Canada declared on the 8th - the same day the U.S. and Great Britain declared. However, MacKenzie King and the Canadian Cabinet decided to declare war on the 7th.

Four hours after Pearl Harbor, Japan attacked Hong Kong. "Canada had its own reasons to declare war," writes John Ferguson. "The Hong Kong garrison of 14,000 included 2,000 Canadians. The colony surrendered on Christmas Day after a horrible, bloody battle that included hand-to-hand fighting. There were 10,000 casualties, including 6,000 Japanese. The Canadians took 700 casualties, including 300 killed. Many more died later in Japanese prison camps."

The Canadian contingent arrives to reinforce the defenders of Hong Kong, Sept 1941. (Wikimedia)

CHRISTMAS
in the VILLAGE
Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village
MINDEN
November 21 11am-3pm
November 21 6pm-8pm
• Outdoor German Artisan Market
• Dicken's Christmas Heritage Village
• Bowron House baked goodies, hot chocolate and cider
• GORD KIDD + FRIENDS traditional Christmas music
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• bonfires and hot beverages
• Holiday Season music by ERIC CASPER
Continuing the family tradition to start your Holiday Season!
Christmas Herald Coupons from local merchants
176 BOBCAYGEON ROAD in the town of Minden 705-286-3763

Traditionally the B.L.C.D. board of directors has been serving the vendors and patrons of the Minden Christmas Market on the last Sunday of November at the Minden Community Centre.

Covid has put a damper on all of the B.L.C.D. fundraising traditions since March this year.

Fortunately the ladies organizing the event pictured to the left … asked if we might do the **Christmas Café** at their event.

With safety precautions in place (masks & sanitizers) and a couple donations, we were able to make a few dollars on the 21st.

Special Thank You to On The Spot Variety in Minden, Todd's Independent in Haliburton for their donations and to Gwen Duncan and Pat Miller for their assistance in the kitchen. Linda Code was able to provide the items to sell on our vendor's booth. Fred Simmons manned the cash register.

Wondering what to give for Christmas?

Christmas Gift Idea
Ring in The New Year Gift Idea

Trying to decide what to give to those that have everything? Here is a gift idea that helps out several ways. Consider making a donation to the Bark Lake Cultural Developments (B.L.C.D.) in the name of the one you are buying for.

We will send the recipient a Christmas Card acknowledging your gift and send you a tax receipt that you can use on your income tax.
1) The recipient of the card will be thrilled with your choice
2) Your gift buying was taken care of and you get a receipt.
3) B.L.C.D. gets the help it needs to continue its obligations preserving Irondale's history

Everyone is aware 2020 was extremely tough on everyone. Our organization was no exception. Events - our major way of fundraising - have been cancelled since March.

Please make cheque payable to B.L.C.D. and mail to P.O. Box 113, Irondale, Ontario K0M 1X0
or email to find out how to e-transfer a donation.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.
Please Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

3 Ingredient Fruit Cake - very easy, very tasty

1 kg mixed fruit
3/4 Cup Baileys
2 Cups Chocolate Milk
2 Cups Self-Rising Flour

Stir milk, baileys and fruit together. Cover and soak for 24hrs in the refrigerator. Slowly fold in the flour stirring well between additions. Line the inside of the slow cooker with 2 layers of baking parchment paper on bottom and sides. Double a long strip and put in first so easier to pull out when its cooked. Pour batter in and even out. Place a tea towel under the lid to catch the excess moisture while cooking. Cook on low for 7-8 hours.

Fred and I love a good fruit cake. I have added glazed cherries and nuts to this recipe with the same success.

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Message from Canoe FM100.9 Radio

Some of our bingo fundraising proceeds have now been distributed. We have given $10,000 each to the following organizations - 1. Fuel for Warmth
2. Central East Foodbank and 3. Minden Community Food Kitchen
We have to sincerely thank our bingo team for their hard work, retailers who continue to sell bingo sheets and the listeners who purchase these sheets ..... playing radio bingo supports the community in so many ways.

Remember to buy your sheets and play every Tuesday night at 6pm.

Do you like to put puzzles together?

Puzzling is a great way to pass the long cold winter days in the warmth of your own home/cottage.

We have had a very generous offer - borrow a puzzle and have it delivered to your home or cottage (within the Irondale area). These are puzzles that have been previously enjoyed by others and are waiting to be enjoyed again.

The number of pieces in each puzzle ranges from 250 up to 1000 or more.

Linda lives in the Irondale area and is willing to deliver puzzles to residents in the Irondale area if they call her and make arrangements.

Once you have called Linda and gave her an idea of how many pieces you want to work with, she will put the puzzle in a bag and hang it on your door.

I am sure you can 'order' several puzzles at a time. When you are finished with them, they can be returned and/or exchanged for others.

Linda's number
705-313-3860

Family Feud Questions/Answers

One hundred people surveyed, top answer to the following questions was ..

1. Where might you hide something you wanted to smuggle into prison? *In a cake*
2. On which topic might a father give advice to his son? *Women/Relationships*
3. Name something a person on a diet might order at a restaurant. *Salad*
4. How many hours of sleep do you need each night to feel awake the next day? *8 Hours*
5. Name a language that makes anything sound sexy. *French*

How did you do?

Judy Yano
wife of Mitsu, former Salerno Lake cottager
~ Oct 20, 2020 ~

Keith Laughlin
early cottage owner on Salerno Lk
~ Dec 5, 2020 ~

Our condolences to the families and friends of those we lost.

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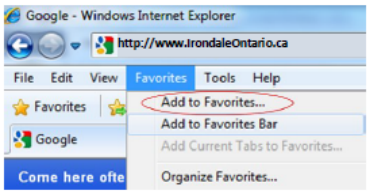

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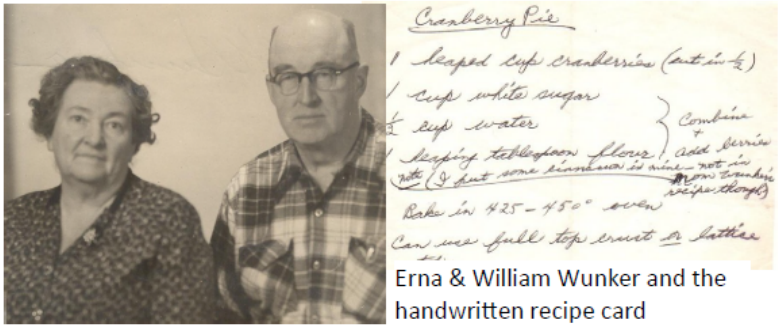
Cranberry Pie

1 heaped cup cranberries (cut in 1/2)
1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup water
1 heaping tablespoon flour

Combine sugar, water and flour and add berries.
Bake in 425° - 450° oven, check at 30 minutes. Remove from oven when golden.

Note:
- cranberries are easiest to cut when frozen.
- sometimes the sugar does not all melt after being baked, so suggest melt the sugar in the water before adding the flour.

This recipe is brought to you by Gail Leach-Wunker - a recipe that has been passed down from mother to daughter-in-law to daughter-in-law.


Cranberry Pie
1 heaped cup cranberries (cut in ½)
1 cup white sugar
½ cup water
1 heaping tablespoon flour
Combine + add berries
Bake in 425 – 450° oven
Can use full top crust or lattice
Erna & William Wunker and the handwritten recipe card

Erna Hettrick was born 1891 in Ohio, USA and married William H. Wunker. He was born 1895 in Ohio, USA to William Henry Wunker and Auguste Hillman. Erna and William moved to Miners' Bay, ON in 1938. This couple had 3 children, namely: Bob, Bill and Don.

Don Wunker married Audrey Austin. Audrey was born in Kinmount to Albert Austin and Myrtle Irene English. This couple had 3 children also. Their oldest son, Randy married Gail Leach and they live in Minden.

As a side note -

The Wunker family moved from Ohio in 1938 to purchase the Bay View Hotel, a small tourist establishment that had evolved on the shores of Miners' Bay following WW I.
They re-named the business Miners' Bay Lodge and expanded it to its present size. From 1938-2018, three generations of Wunkers operated the business, and introduced the "MBL experience" to thousands of families and guests. Russ and Dottie Wunker retired in 2018, transitioning Miners' Bay Lodge to a group of long-time guests committed to carrying on the Miners' Bay history. (taken verbatim from www.minersbaylodge.com)

** Russ Wunker mentioned in the Miners' Bay Lodge piece above is a cousin of Randy Wunker married to Gail Leach who lent us the Cranberry Pie recipe.

We were at a small outdoor gathering not too long ago. The organizers had put together a list of **24 Trivia Questions**. Just for the record - I did **poorly.** Thought I would share the questions with you --see how many you get - - without the aid of google ….

1. What year was Elvis Presley's first ever concert?
2. What was the best selling album of all time?
3. What is the first album the Beatles released?
4. Who originally sang the song 'Susi Q' when it was released in 1957?
5. How many strings does a violin have?
6. What is the largest lake in Manitoba?
7. Which province is the largest producer of uranium?
8. Founded in 1885, what is the oldest national park in Canada?
9. What is the most popular fruit in Canada?
10. What disease claimed the lives of 3000 Montrealers during an epidemic in 1885?
11. What is the postal code for Santa Claus?
12. What is the smallest country in the world?
13. What is the oldest known vegetable?
14. Who was the first woman shot by the FBI?
15. In the Wizard of Oz, how many times does Dorothy tap the ruby shoes to get back home?
16. In the movie the 'Triffids', what are the triffids?
17. Which of the dwarfs in 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' does not have a beard?
18. Who played Rody Yates on Rawhide?
19. What film did Louise Fletcher win the best actress Oscar for?
20. How many holes in a 10 pin bowling ball?
21. What is referred to as the sport of the kings?
22. What is the point value of the letter K in scrabble?
23. What athlete earned $70,000 in 1927?
24. What do you call a poker hand with five cards of the same suit?

Go ahead, try your hand at the questions.
Answers will be in the Feb/Mar issue.

The Forgotten Day

This story was printed in a local paper and found in a local scrapbook. The author's name was not saved. The story referred to a " Mr. Morphet" John Morphet died Jan 8, 1910

Now as I write this, November 4th, I am reminded of the celebration of Guy Fawkes Night (I expect the spelling is wrong) which in my boyhood days created quite a stir.

It was in remembrance of the Gun Powder Plot, a scheme doused to blow up the House of Parliament in England when the members were is session. The scheme was found out and the men involved in the ploy received due penalties.

The memory was kept green for many years by a neighbour of ours, Mr. Morphet. Shortly in the afternoon on November 5th he would be seen going down the road with his team on the way to the village of Minden. The headquarters was the John Welch Blacksmith Shop, where he and Mr. Welch collected some scrap material and built a frame such as used for a scare-crow. This was covered with some old clothes and was well stuffed with straw or shavings, and a tin containing about half a pound of gun powder was well concealed in the body.

The figure was erected on the site where the hotel now stands at the head of Main Street, and when night arrived and all the young fry for miles around had gathered in the village the figure was well saturated with kerosene and the torch was applied. Of course, when the powder exploded that was the highlight of the night's doings.

To add to the celebration some half dozen or dozen balls of shop twine, which was thoroughly soaked in kerosene and lit, were paraded on poles and carried up and down the street.

With Mr. Morphet's death this event soon was discontinued.

I had thought probably the attempt to duplicate the plot as witnessed in Ottawa a few years ago might revive, it, but this generation have more ready-made modes of amusement than that carried on in my early day.

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2021	**Unless otherwise noted -** **Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438**
	PLANS HAVE TO BE MADE — HERE'S HOPING 2021 IS BEST YEAR YET **PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO GOV'T RULES**
Sat. Feb 20	**Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5pm to 7pm—as long as supplies last. *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sat. Apr 17	**Fish 'N Fowl Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sun. June 6	**First Church Service**—10 am. Come as you are. **PLEASE NOTE - CORRRECTED DATE**
Sun. June 6	**Book Nook Opening** - 11am to 1pm - NO Charge so help yourself to refreshments, books, videos, dvds and more - on the grounds of Irondale's historic building — 1019 Elm Rd
Sat. July 3 or 10	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 17	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces so you can sample it all. Remember to bring loonies for after dinner fun. **PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS DINNER** *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sat. July 31	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's (SDLCA) AGM** 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Sun. Aug 1	**SDLCA Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games** check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Mid August	**Irondale Inspirations** - the artists that call Irondale home will be showcasing their work at the historical Irondale church. 10 am to 4pm. Please drop by, you may just catch one or more of them creating on site.
Sat. Sept 25	**Family Harvest Festival** - 11 to 4pm - Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—all on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED. Hike Haliburton tour starts & ends here as well. *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat. Nov 6	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. $20 pp Menu still being planned. *You certainly shouldn't go away hungry!* *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*

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